

WITTE WILL REPRESENT RUSSIA AT CONFERENCE

Regarded as Pre-Eminently Qualified to Undertake a Difficult Task.

CHINA INSISTENT

Serves Notice that Her Consent Must be Obtained to Treaty.

PROVIDED IT AFFECTS CHINESE TERRITORY — GENERAL STOESEL ARRESTED FOR ACTION IN CAPITULATING PORT ARTHUR. AUTHORITIES FEAR ANOTHER MUTINY—KRUGER WILL RESIGN.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, July 13, (2 a. m.)—M. Muraviev has resigned his position as Chief Peace Plenipotentiary. This may be regarded as practically assuring that he will be replaced by M. Witte, president of the committee of ministers, who all along have been considered the Russian statesman pre-eminently qualified to undertake the difficult task of negotiating peace with Japan.

CONSENT OF CHINA

MUST BE SECURED.

St. Petersburg, July 12.—The foreign office reports that China has not asked for actual representation in the Washington peace conference, but has notified Japan and Russia that if she is not apprised of the conference and her consent secured to any stipulations of a treaty affecting Chinese territory, she would not consider herself bound by it.

GENERAL STOESEL

IS UNDER ARREST.

St. Petersburg, July 12.—The Nakhshin prints a report that Lieutenant General Stoesel has been placed under arrest at Tsarskoe-Selo in consequence of the revolution, made by the commission which has been investigating the defense and capitulation of Port Arthur and that the sword of honor donated by a number of French soldiers of General Stoesel will not be presented.

RUSSIAN AUTHORITIES

FEAR ANOTHER MUTINY.

Reval, European Russia, July 12.—Being apprehensive of a mutiny the authorities here have ordered the sailors of the Russian cruisers Minine and Krenel to be relieved of their arms. Serious discontent has been manifested among the crews over the food supply. The officer who is held responsible for this state of affairs has been placed under arrest.

Admiral Kruger Will Resign.

St. Petersburg, July 12.—The Nakhshin says Rear Admiral Kruger will leave the service on account of alleged incapacity in connection with the treatment of the situation created by the mutiny aboard the battleship Kutaz Potemkin at Odessa.

Bound for Sebastopol.

Sebastopol, July 12.—Pursuant to instructions from the Russian admiralty the Kuznetsov is on her way here having left Kusteni, Roumania, during the night in tow of the battleship Tselik.

Left for Washington.

Vladivostok, July 12.—Captain Roudneff has left Vladivostok for Washington, where he will participate in the peace negotiations.

Murderer is a Student.

St. Petersburg, July 12.—Private news received here from Moscow say that the slayer of Prefect of Police Com. Suvailoff is a student and that he made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide immediately after taking the life of his victim. His recent arrest was due to his participation in political agitation.

LITTLE GIRL HAD NARROW

ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

Grace, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reilly, had a narrow escape from drowning in the bay opposite the Country Club yesterday afternoon. A large party of young people from the city spent the day there picnicking and during the afternoon all went bathing. The club is now having some dredging done opposite the club house, and the little girl not knowing of this stepped into one of the deep holes, and would have drowned but for Mrs. John G. Ward who went to her assistance and rescued her.

Eldest Son of Abe Lincoln
President of Pullman Co.



CARICATURE SKETCH OF ROBERT TODD LINCOLN. Robert Todd Lincoln, president of the Pullman Palace Car Company. Mr. Lincoln is the eldest son of Abraham Lincoln, and was born at Springfield, Ill., August 1, 1843.

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS IN SALARIES OF EQUITABLE

CHAIRMAN MORTON ANNOUNCES CUTS RANGING FROM TEN TO TWENTY PER CENT. ALL AROUND, WHICH WILL RESULT IN A SAVING OF FROM \$150,000 TO \$200,000 ANNUALLY.

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—Sweeping reductions in salaries of the Equitable Society were announced to-day by Chairman Morton. The decreases amount to 20 per cent. of all salaries above \$15,000; fifteen per cent. on all between \$15,000 and \$3,000, and ten per cent. on all above \$2,500 to \$900. The changes become effective August 1 and effect a saving of from \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually. Regarding his own salary as chairman of the Equitable, Mr. Morton said: "The question has not been decided; it is a matter for future adjustment."

All Carriers on Parity Regarding Panama Traffic

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—The contract between the Panama Railroad Company and the Pacific Steamship Company, under which the latter has for years enjoyed the exclusive privilege of handling freight on the Pacific side on through bills of lading, will terminate to-day. Hereafter all carriers will be on a parity in respect to the transit facilities on the isthmus. Mr. Bristow in his recent report on the Panama railroad recommended that if the Pacific Mail Steamship Company withdraws its present Panama lines, an effort will be made to induce some other company to establish a first-class service between the important coast ports of the United States and Panama and in the event that no other company is prepared to furnish the service that it be provided by the Panama railroad. Upon excellent authority it can be stated that the government does not anticipate that the Pacific Mail will carry out its threat to take its vessels from the Panama-San Francisco service, nor does it expect the abrogation of the contract to affect in any way the shipment of merchandise from New York to San Francisco.

KILLED HIMSELF IN BARBER SHOP

By Associated Press. Boston, July 12.—Just after being shaved in a barber shop here to-day Alfred Corder, said to be from Nashville, Tenn., seized a razor from the barber's hands and cut his own throat three times, besides slightly wounding employees in the shop who tried to take the razor from him. Corder died at the Relief Hospital. He was fifty-two years old.

SEVERAL LIVES LOST IN MARINE COLLISION.

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—It is believed that three and possibly four lives were lost last night when the steam launch Normandie was sunk in collision with a vessel supposed to have been a tramp steamer in the Hudson river.

PLANT WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., July 12.—A dispatch from Bristol, Va., says an explosion in the Dixie extract plant there at noon to-day wrecked the plant and killed Noah Hardin and fatally injured another man. The cause of the explosion is a mystery.

PRINCESS OF WALES DELIVERED OF A SON.

London, July 12.—The princess of Wales was safely delivered of a son this morning.

PEARY'S SEARCH FOR NORTH POLE

Expedition Will Sail from New York for Arctic Regions This Week.

CASH SUBSCRIBED

In Sufficient Amount to Provide for Necessary Supplies.

THE POLAR EXPEDITION, WHICH HAS BEEN IN PREPARATION SINCE OCTOBER, HAS COST OVER \$150,000, ALL SUBSCRIBED BY AMERICAN BUSINESS MEN.

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—With thirty-five thousand dollars subscribed to-day towards his expedition to reach the north pole, Commander Robert E. Peary announced that he will sail this week for the north. Commander Peary's new arctic ship, the Roosevelt, has been waiting several days for supplies which could not be bought on account of lack of funds. The polar expedition which has been in preparation since October of last year, has cost over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, including to-day's subscription. The entire amount has been donated by American business men, as the Peary Arctic Club was anxious that none but Americans should have any hand in their polar expedition.

REMAINS OF T. J. HURLEY

PLACED AT REST YESTERDAY MORNING, SERVICE BEING CONDUCTED AT ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH.

The remains of Timothy J. Hurley, a young man who expired at the home of Robert H. Langford Monday, were placed at rest yesterday morning, the internment being witnessed by an exceptionally large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives, who thronged to the grave to pay their last respects to one whom every one in Pensacola liked. The funeral cortege moved from the family residence on West Garden street at 10 o'clock and proceeded to St. Michael's church. Among the large number of persons present were many members of the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Knights of America and Ancient Order of Hibernians, of which orders the deceased was a member.

At the church Rev. Father Fullerton spoke most touchingly of the exemplary life of the deceased, and how he had left his home and mother in Ireland six years ago to come to America. After the services at the church the cortege proceeded to the grave and the body was placed at rest. The floral tributes, which were exceedingly beautiful, completely covered the grave.

BASEBALL July 12

By Associated Press. Southern League. Shreveport 5, Atlanta 9. Memphis 5, Birmingham 0. Little Rock 1, Nashville 9. No more games scheduled. South Atlantic League. Macon 4, Augusta 2, (First Game.) Macon 1, Augusta 3, (Second Game.) Columbia 0, Jacksonville 0. Savannah 8, Charleston 1. American League. St. Louis-Washington, rain. Cleveland-Philadelphia, rain. Detroit 0, New York 7. Chicago 0, Boston 1, (First Game.) Chicago 4, Boston 1, (Second Game.) National League. Brooklyn 8, Pittsburgh 6. Boston 3, Cincinnati 15, (First Game.) Boston 3, Cincinnati 2, (Second Game.) Philadelphia 1, St. Louis 6. New York 1, Chicago 3.

WILL GET AFTER CORRUPTIONISTS

Government Will Exhaustively Investigate Leakage of Cotton Statistics--New York and New Orleans Exchanges Demand that Guilty Ones be Punished.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 12.—The investigation that will be made by District Attorney Morgan E. Beach into the charges that there has been a leakage of information in the matter of preparing the government cotton statistics will be far more exhaustive than that conducted by secret service operatives at the request of Secretary Wilson. Acting Attorney General Herit has completed the examination of the papers transmitted to him by Secretary Wilson and thinks there should be a further and detailed legal inquiry and with that end in view has referred the whole matter to Mr. Beach. Expense will not be spared in gathering evidence of the methods alleged to have been employed by Edwin S. Holmes, the dismissed associate statistician, and in exposing any accomplices he may have had in his operations. It is possible that a special grand jury may be called in the investigation of the affair.

NEW ORLEANS EXCHANGE WANTS INVESTIGATION.

New Orleans, July 12.—President Britton, of the New Orleans cotton exchange, to-day addressed a letter to President Roosevelt in which he says: "The recent exposure in the statistical bureau of the agricultural department has developed a situation which in cotton trade circles for many months has been so strongly suspected from apparent indication as to amount to positive conviction of wrong doing. Now that the exposure has been publicly announced, a feeling of intense indignation prevails in the trade interested in fair dealing by reason of the department having been used by a clique of corrupt speculators to promote their individual and selfish ends, and it should be known who have been the beneficiaries, corruptors and corrupted as well." In the name of the board of trade

WROTE TO ROOSEVELT REGARDING THE LEAKS.

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—Walter C. Hubbard, president of the New York cotton exchange, to-day addressed a letter to President Roosevelt regarding the leaks in the cotton report in which he requests a full investigation of the methods which led to the corruption with a view to preventing the possibility of its recurrence. Mr. Hubbard's letter, in full, is as follows: "The Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.: "Dear Sir—On behalf of the New York cotton exchange I want to say that its members have been greatly shocked by the recent disclosures of venality in the department of agriculture, upon whose reports they have depended for accurate information in the conducting of their commission business. "I beg to request that a full investigation be made of the methods which led to the corruption with a view of preventing the possibility of recurrence and that the guilty ones be adequately punished. "Official reports should be above the suspicion of publications in the interest of any persons for their individual benefit and as president of this exchange, I wish to put its members upon record as utterly opposed to such culpable proceedings. "On the line of common honesty I ask you for your most emphatic condemnation and action upon the practices which make legitimate business impossible and put the members of our body at the mercy of tricksters and knaves. "With great respect, I am yours truly, WALTER C. HUBBARD, "President New York Cotton Exchange."

TWELVE SHOT DOWN BY NEGRO

Shocking Story of Murder Brought By Fruit Steamer from Honduras.

ONLY ONE ESCAPED

Out of Crew of 4 and Nine Passengers on Trading Schooner.

VICTIMS SLAUGHTERED IN COLD BLOOD AS THEY RUSHED ON DECK AFTER FIRST SHOT—ASSASSIN WILL PROBABLY BE TORTURED TO DEATH.

By Associated Press. New Orleans, July 12.—One of the most shocking stories of murder, with robbery as the motive, in the annals of crime was brought to this city to-day by Captain Hans Holm, of the Norwegian steamer Bratten, which plies between New Orleans and Honduras ports, and was subsequently confirmed by officers of the fruit steamer Rosina which came in later with additional details. The little island of Utilia, lying off the coast of Honduras and whose population is an indiscriminate mixture of whites, caymentes and caribs, was the scene of the tragedy in which twelve lives were sacrificed. The captain of the little trading schooner Olympia was about to make a trip to Ruatan and had brought fourteen hundred dollars aboard. He carried a crew of four and passengers to the number of 9, including two women and two children. The murders took place on the night of June 30 when everyone on board was aroused by a shot and, rushing on deck, found a negro armed with a Winchester rifle who shot them down as fast as they appeared. One young lady, Miss Elsie Morgan, who is well known here, was the only person to escape alive. Being a good swimmer she reached Shore Island where she nearly starved for two days. The negro was caught but was protected from violence by President Bonilla who happened to be on an inspection tour. It is believed, however, that the negro will be tortured to death. The laws of Honduras prohibit the infliction of capital punishment but the people will take the matter in their own hands.

ISTHMIAN CANAL WILL BE A SUCCESS FIFTY THOUSAND ELKS ARE AT BUFFALO

Notable Address Delivered to Long Island Physicians by President Roosevelt. Great Plans Carried Out to Make Parade Memorable in the History of Elkdom.

By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, July 12.—President Roosevelt delivered a notable address this afternoon before the Associated Physicians of Long Island. He discussed, in the course of his remarks, the relations physicians sustain with the people of the communities in which they reside and the work to be done by the medical experts of the Panama Canal Commission, declaring despite all difficulties on the isthmus and here in the United States, the canal would be a success.

DETECTIVE KILLED; MURDERERS SHOT

By Associated Press. Winfield, Kas., July 12.—C. S. Calhoun, of Kansas City, an Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe railway detective, was shot and instantly killed at Cedarvale to-day by two outlaws who were shot down later by a posse of citizens at Hewins. The outlaws had robbed traveling men.

WILL NOT SUPPLY RACE REPORTS

By Associated Press. New York, July 12.—The executive committee of the Western Union Telegraph Company adopted a resolution to-day recommending to the full board of directors that racing news from horse races be not supplied by the company except, to persons receiving them through regular offices.

WOMAN KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF GAS

By Associated Press. Nashville, July 12.—Mrs. Kate Hardaway was burned to death to-day at her home on Harrington street. She had sprinkled gasoline over the floor of her room liberally to destroy insects and shortly afterwards entered the room and struck a match. There was an instant explosion, and her clothes were ignited, causing her death.

NEWSPAPER MAN DIED SUDDENLY ON STREET.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., July 12.—Robert M. Morgan, of Tennessee, formerly Washington correspondent for a large number of southern papers, died suddenly here on the street early to-day. He was thirty-five years of age.

RUN OVER BY PATROL WAGON

PATROL DRIVER COBURGER WAS PAINFULLY INJURED YESTERDAY MORNING.

Patrol Driver Henry Coburger was painfully though not seriously injured yesterday morning while in charge of the wagon, two of the wheels of the vehicle passing over his foot and leg. The officer had been sent to a point on Donaldson street to convey a sick colored woman to the hospital. When he reached there he did not find enough assistance to place the woman in the wagon and was compelled to get out and do the work himself. He left a boy to hold the horses and after placing the woman in the wagon went forward and was in the act of stepping into his seat and grasping the reins, when the colored woman, who was accompanying the sick one, raised an umbrella. The horses immediately gave a jump throwing the driver to the ground. He held to one rein, and was dragged for some distance. The front wheel of the wagon passed over his left foot while he was being dragged, which caused him to relinquish his hold upon the lines, and as he did the rear wheel passed over his left leg just below the knee. The sand at the point where the runaway occurred is very deep, and it is probable that but for this the leg would have been broken. The horses continued on the run until they reached Gregory street, where they stopped. The sick woman was not injured.

PENSACOLA AND WASP TEAMS TO PLAY FRIDAY.

A game of baseball has been arranged for Friday between the teams representing Pensacola and the gunboat Wasp, and it is expected to be a hotly contested game. It will be played at Palmetto Beach and the line-up of the Pensacola's will be as follows: Pensacola—Bibson, catcher; Waggle, pitcher; Oliver, first base; Sanchez, second base; Tonart, short stop; Sullivan, third base; F. Blount, left field; T. Brent, center field; G. Brent, right field.

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